

“Millions of undocumented immigrants were brought to the U.S. as children by their parents hoping to build better lives for themselves and their families. Like many of these immigrant youth, Jesus Ruiz Diego was brought to California from Mexico at the age of four, and attended K-12 public schooling. Despite living almost his entire life under the cloud of deportation and enduring insurmountable life challenges, Jesus worked hard and graduated from a San Jose public high school. He joined the workforce to support his family after graduation. Jesus has never committed a crime. Deporting young people like Jesus does not make sense for our communities and economy. Immigrants make profound contributions to our economy and social fabric, and we lose out on our investment in these youth when we expel them from the U.S. to countries that are unknown to them. Jesus should not be separated from his family and community for our nation’s failure to reform our broken immigration system.”